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ARTICLE I.

Stated Councils.

Sec. 1. The stated councils of this Tribe shall be held on the sleep of every Thursday. The Council fire shall be kindled at the eighth run.

ARTICLE II.

Propositions for Membership.

Sec. 1. Propositions for Membership must be made when the council fire is burning, seven sleeps previous to their election. One half of the adoption fee must accompany the proposition.

Sec. 2. Any brother appointed on an investigating committee, and failing to report at the next stated council, shall be fined five feet; unless prevented by sickness or some unavoidable circumstance; and if the brother be prevented by either of the above excuses he shall send a written report by any of his nearest brothers; and for neglect of his duty, shall be fined five feet, from which there shall be no remission, unless by a two-thirds vote of the Tribe.

ARTICLE III.

Admission Fee.

Sec. 1. The admission fee including the degree in this Tribe shall be: between the ages of 18 and 40 great suns, three fathoms; 40 to 50, five fathoms.

ARTICLE IV.

Dues.

Sec. 1. Every brother of the Tribe

shall pay into the Wampum Belt the amount of twenty inches every seven suns.

ARTICLE V.

Benefits.

Sec. 1. Any brother who has been a member nine moons and paid nine moons' dues and qualified as these by-laws provide, when unable to follow the hunt, shall receive the sum of seven fathoms' benefits per seven suns for thirteen seven suns. The first seven suns' benefits not allowed unless the sickness or disability continues for two seven suns. Not more than thirteen seven suns' benefits will be allowed in any one Great Sun or twelve consecutive moons or for any continued sickness or disability. Such benefits to be allowed from the time he is reported to the relief committee, C. of R., or C. of W. Members residing outside of the visiting limits of the Relief Committee, and in the jurisdiction of another Tribe shall report to said Tribe in the same manner. Members residing outside of the jurisdiction of any Tribe must first report to the C. of R. of this Tribe and then comply with Article 29, Section 3, of the Constitution. In case of report through the mail, the postmark on letter or postcard shall be taken as the date of report.

Sec. 2. Any brother who shall feign himself unable to follow the hunt, or become addicted to intemperance, gambling or any other unlawful practice, whereby disgrace or ruin be brought on

himself, family, this Tribe or the Order; or who shall go into taverns, or other places where liquors are sold, and found indulging thereof while drawing wampum from the Tribe; or if he shall endeavor to obtain benefits, or get wampum by false pretense from this Tribe, or be accessory thereto, he shall upon conviction be suspended or expelled.

Sec. 3. Any brother receiving benefits from this Tribe, who shall be proven to have been out in disagreeable weather, shall have his benefits withheld, and be suspended or expelled, as the Tribe may determine.

Sec. 4. The benefits shall in all cases be rated according to a brother's membership in the Order at the commencement of such sickness or disability; nor shall he receive sick or funeral benefits if indebted to the Tribe to an amount equalling thirteen seven sun's dues at the time of such sickness or disability; nor shall he receive any benefits by paying up his indebtedness during such sickness or disability, or for any known infirmity that may have been contracted before his admission into this Tribe.

Sec. 5. A member being absent from the borough in case of sickness shall comply with Article XXIX, Section 3, of the Constitution.

Sec. 6. Any member of this Tribe who neglects or refuses to pay his seven sun's dues to an amount equalizing thirteen seven sun's dues, shall not be entitled to sick or funeral benefits, until four seven

suns after said indebtedness is paid in full. Should he be twenty-six seven suns in the arrears he shall not be entitled to benefits until eight seven suns after said indebtedness is paid in full. He cannot by payment of such indebtedness become beneficial if taken sick or disabled during the period when he is thirteen seven sun's or more in the arrears.

Sec. 7. Any brother who has deposited his card in this Tribe, and has complied with Section 1 of this Article, will be entitled to benefits in six moons after he has deposited his card.

Sec. 8. In the event of a member being placed into any Institution for treatment of any mental disability being incompetent if entitled to benefits, such benefits shall be paid by the Tribe for thirteen seven suns, to his dependents if any. In case such member is unable to pay dues, the Tribe shall carry the member on the books and pay his per capita tax and funeral benefits or until such time as he may be discharged as cured and can pay his dues again.

Sec. 8a. In the event a member is placed into any institution for the indigent, the Tribe shall carry the member on the books and pay his per capita tax and funeral benefits.

Sec. 9. In the event a brother is drafted or enlists in the Armed Services of the U. S. A., the Tribe shall continue to pay his dues until such time he shall be discharged from such service.

Sec. 10. In the event of the Great

Spirit calling from the Hunting Grounds of his Fathers a beneficial member of this Tribe, there shall be allowed the sum of one hundred (100) fathoms from the Wampum Belt to aid in defraying his funeral expenses, which shall be paid by the Sachem to the wife of the member providing they have been living together as man and wife, otherwise to be made out to the undertaker in charge of funeral.

Sec. 11. It shall be the duty of the Relief Committee to attend his funeral or viewing if possible, and see that the last rites and solemn duties are decently rendered to the departed brother.

Sec. 12. In the event of the Great Spirit calling the wife of a beneficial member of this Tribe from the hunting grounds of her fathers, he shall receive 30 fathoms from the belt to assist him in defraying the expenses of her funeral, provided he is of the Chief degree nine moons and paid nine moons dues. No member shall receive funeral benefits for more than one wife.

Sec. 13. The brothers shall assemble at the wigwam one run previous to the time appointed for the funeral; unless otherwise directed, and proceed to the residence of the deceased brother in a body.

ARTICLE VI.

Relief Committee.

Sec. 1. The S., S. S. and J. S. shall constitute the Relief Committee, whose duty it shall be to visit brothers unable

to follow the hunt within twenty-four runs after receiving notice and shall continue such visits at least once in every seven suns or oftener if the case requires it, so long as the brother remains unable to follow the hunt, or is called from the Hunting Grounds of his Fathers, and if entitled to benefits, to pay them when due, if he resides within the borough, and if outside the borough ample provision shall be made for the comfort and relief of the brother, and the Committee shall report at the next stated council the condition of the brothers unable to follow the hunt, and for neglect of their duty shall be fined five feet.

ARTICLE VII.

Trustees.

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the Trustees to have charge of all investments and properties of the Tribe in accordance with Article 17 of the Constitution. The Trustees shall be bonded to the amount of 2500 fathoms each.

Sec. 2. The Trustees shall deliver or cause to be delivered to their successors in office, or to a committee appointed for that purpose, all books papers, wampum or other property in their possession belonging to the Tribe.

ARTICLE VIII.

Duties of Sachem.

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the Sachem to preside at all councils of this Tribe, preserve order and enforce the

Constitution and By-Laws of this Tribe, and of the Great Council of Pennsylvania, and perform such other duties as are contained in Article IX of the Constitution.

Sec. 2. He shall not be allowed to make any remarks, or take part in any debate (except to explain or give information) during a discussion on any subject, unless he places a suitable person in the Chair, and for neglecting or refusing so to do shall be fined one fathom.

ARTICLE IX.

Duties of S. S. and J. S.

It shall be the duty of the S. S. and J. S. to perform such duties as are contained in the Charge Book and Article X and XI of the Constitution, and for neglect of such duties shall be fined one fathom each.

ARTICLE X.

Duties of C. of W. and C. of R.

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the C. of W. to notify each member who may be indebted to the Tribe to the amount of thirteen seven suns dues: he shall at the end of every three moons; balance the account of each member so as to exhibit at a glance the exact standing of each member of the Tribe, he shall see that all applicants for benefits are in good standing before drawing an order for the same, also the amount each member is entitled to; he shall in all cases receive the fees for degrees, he shall charge all fines and penalties immediately upon

their accruing, he shall assist the board of Trustees in settling their accounts.

Sec. 2. He shall deliver his books properly posted and balanced to the Auditing Committee within at least three suns after the election, under the fine of five feet, and for any neglect of duty under Article XIII of the Constitution shall be fined for each offense two feet five inches.

Sec. 3. The Chief of Records shall preserve the Archives and seal of the Tribe; he shall receive all communications and read the same, and have charge of all books; he shall be present at the kindling of the Council fire of the Tribe, he shall have all books and papers at every council and shall perform such other duties as the Constitution, By-Laws or the Tribe may require of him.

Sec. 4. The C. of R. and C. of W. shall receive for the faithful performance of their duty the sum of one fathom each for every council sleep of this Tribe, which shall be paid them at the expiration of every three moons. They shall previous to assuming the duties of their office give a bond with sufficient security in the sum of 2500 fathoms for the faithful performance of their duties.

Sec. 4a. An official receipt shall be given to each member on payment of dues to the C. of W.

Sec. 5. In the event of the death of a brother it shall be the duty of the C. of R. to notify the members of the Tribe to

meet at the wigwam one run previous to the time specified for the burial and proceed to the funeral of said brother in a body.

ARTICLE XI.

Duties of K. of W.

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the K. of W. to keep regular and correct accounts of all the wampum received and paid by him; he shall, previous to assuming the duties of his office, give a bond with sufficient security in the sum of 2500 fathoms, for the faithful performance of his duty, and at the expiration of his term of office he shall deliver his books properly posted and balanced to the Auditing Committee within three suns after the election, in default of which he shall be fined one fathom; and for neglecting any other duty, as laid down in Article XV of the Constitution, he shall be fined for each offence two feet five inches.

Sec. 2. The K. of W. shall receive for his services one fathom for each council sleep of this Tribe. Which shall be paid him at the expiration of every three moons.

ARTICLE XII.

Duties of G. of F. and G. of W.

Sec. 1. If the G. of F. or the G. of W. admit a brother under the influence of fire water they shall be fined one fathom and if they permit a pale face to enter the wigwam, by leaving the wickets or

otherwise, they shall be suspended or expelled.

Sec. 2. In addition to the duties of the G. of F. he shall place at the kindling of the council fire, and replace at the quenching the same, the regalia and paraphernalia of the Tribe; and for neglecting any of the prescribed duties of his office shall be fined two feet.

Sec. 3. The G. of F. shall receive for his services two feet five inches every Council sleep, and if absent he shall forfeit his pay to the substitute, unless in case of sickness or absence from the borough.

ARTICLE XIII.

Suspended Members.

Any brother suspended from this Tribe for non-payment of dues shall comply with Article XXII, of the Constitution, and shall not be entitled to benefits until the expiration of six moons after his reinstatement.

ARTICLE XIV.

Improper Conduct.

Sec. 1. Any brother divulging the name of a brother who may vote against any pale face for membership or degrees that may be balloted for in this Tribe shall be fined two fathoms and the Sachem shall cause this Section to be read immediately after the ballot has been announced.

Sec. 2. Any brother who may bring maliciously a charge or charges against

Sec. 7. Chiefs and members may be excused from the payment of fines, except incurred under Section 1 of this Article, if application be made within two stated councils after their infliction, on the concurrence of a majority of the members present, but no elected Chief shall be exonerated for absence for any other cause than sickness, or by reason of having been five miles from the wigwam on the council sleep.

ARTICLE XV.

Neglect of Duty.

Sec. 1. If any Chief, in whose care is entrusted the key of any chest, drawer, etc., neglects to bring the same, or take such measures by which said key will be in possession of the Tribe at the time of kindling the council fire, he shall be fined one fathom, from which there is no remission except by a majority of the members present.

Sec. 2. Any of the appointed Chiefs wishing to withdraw from the councils of this Tribe shall first secure a brother for a substitute during his absence for that council sleep. He shall not retire otherwise unless by permission of the Tribe.

Sec. 3. Any elective Chief who fails to know his part of the charge in four seven suns after being raised up, shall be fined two feet for each sleep thereafter.

Sec. 4. The Tribe shall attach such penalty as it may think proper for such offences not provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE XVI.

Nominations and Elections of Chiefs.

All nominations for Chiefs must be open two seven suns previous to an election, and no nominations shall be made on the sleep of the election, unless some unforeseen circumstance render it necessary.

ARTICLE XVII.

Degrees.

Application for degrees must be made in the manner and form prescribed in Article XXV of the Constitution. The fees shall be as follows: For the Warrior's and Chief's Degree, one fathom and five feet each. No brother shall be a full beneficial member until he has received and paid for the above degrees.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Auditing Committee

Sec. 1. The Sachem shall, on the sleep of the election, appoint a committee of three to audit and examine the books and accounts of the C. of W. and K. of W. who shall report thereon at the next stated council of the Tribe. The C. of W. and K. of W. shall have their books and accounts posted up, and shall attend such committees with the same at the time and place they may require, and for every neglect of such duty they shall pay a fine of five feet.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the committee to examine all books, deeds, mortgages or other evidences of security that may be in possession of the K. of W.

a brother without evidence to sustain said charge, or charges, or who shall propose any pale face for membership whom he knows to be an unworthy character shall be fined one fathom, or be suspended or expelled, as the Tribe may determine.

Sec. 3. If any member enters the wigwam under the influence of fire water, or swears, or makes use of any indecent or profane language, or irreverently uses the name of the Great Spirit, he shall for the first offence, be fined one fathom; second offence, two fathoms; and for the third offence he shall be suspended or expelled at the option of the Tribe.

Sec. 4. If any member violates any of the sections contained in this Article he shall be liable to be tried and punished as provided in Article XXXIII of the Constitution.

Sec. 5. Should any committee, or brother having wampum entrusted to them belonging to this Tribe, or any of its members, convert the same to his own use; or neglect or refuse to appropriate it as directed or in due time return it to this Tribe, without satisfactory excuse for the omission he shall be suspended or expelled, as the Tribe may determine.

Sec. 6. No member of this Tribe shall be permitted to enter or leave the wigwam unless clothed in the proper regalia; nor shall any member of this Tribe publicly exhibit any emblem of this Order on any business sign, under the penalty of suspension.

or Trustees, and report minute descriptions of the same to the Tribe.

ARTICLE XIX.

Residence.

Every brother shall give his residence to the C. of R. who shall enter it in a book for that purpose; and in case of removal, he shall notify the C. of R. thereof within seven suns thereafter.

ARTICLE XX.

Disposal of Funds.

Sec. 1. The funds of this Tribe shall be expended for the following;

1. The necessary expenses of the Tribe economically administered.
2. The payment of per capita tax, sick and funeral benefits.
3. The purchasing of real estate for tribal use as an investment.
4. The loaning of the same at interest, provided that no loan shall be made to any member of the Tribe.
5. For social purposes, not to exceed ten percent, of the total income of the Tribe.

ARTICLE XXI.

Cards.

A brother of the Order depositing his card in this Tribe shall pay one-half the fee of adoption, in proportion to his age, and seven feet five inches for each degree he has taken, and if over 45 great suns he shall comply with Article III of the By-Laws.

ARTICLE XXII.

Undue Influence.

Should it at any time be proven that a brother of this Tribe has made use of any undue influence or circumvention to prevail upon any pale face to suffer himself to be proposed for adoption in this Tribe, he shall be suspended or expelled, as the Tribe may deem expedient.

ARTICLE XXIII.

Committees.

Any brother accepting an appointment on a committee and failing to report at the next stated council shall be fined two feet five inches for neglect of duty, unless prevented by sickness, or some unavoidable circumstance.

ARTICLE XXIV.

Alteration and Amendments.

Any alteration or amendments to these By-Laws must be submitted in writing at a stated council of the Tribe, be again read at the next council, and laid over at least seven suns before said amendment can be acted on. It shall require the vote of two-thirds of the members present to adopt the same.

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CALENDAR

A minute is a.....Breath.
An hour is a.....Run.
A day is a.....Sun.
A night is a.....Sleep.
Morning is.....Rising of the sun.
Evening is.....Setting of the sun.
Mid-day is.....High sun.
Midnight is.....Low sun.

A week is a.....Seven Suns.
A month is a.....Moon.

January.....Cold Moon.
February.....Snow Moon.
March.....Worm Moon.
April.....Plant Moon.
May.....Flower Moon.
June.....Hot Moon.

July.....Buck Moon.
August.....Sturgeon Moon.
September.....Corn Moon.
October.....Traveling Moon.
November.....Beaver Moon.
December.....Hunting Moon.

A year is a.....Great Sun.
A meeting is the.....Council.
Place of meeting is.....Wigwam.
Organizing a meeting..Kindling council fire.
Closing a meeting is....Quenching council fire.

A Tribe is.....A branch of the order.
A Great Council is.....Head of order in a State.
Our white friends are..Pale faces.
Treasury purse is.....Wampum belt.